

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An imaging apparatus comprising:
an exterior case to which a lens device is attached;
a base plate supported in the vicinity of an objective lens of said lens device;
a flashlight device pivotally connected to the base plate and capable of moving between a pop-up position and a storage position through a turning arm;
spring means that makes said flashlight device pop up to be urged to said pop-up position, the spring means in contact with the base plate and the flashlight device; and
holding means for holding said flashlight device in said storage position, the holding means fixedly connected to the base plate and releasably connected to the flashlight device in the storage position;

~~wherein the pop-up angle of said flashlight device is set at 20 degrees or less and a light emitting portion faces the front of a subject in the pop-up position and~~

wherein the flashlight device includes a reflecting mirror having a pair of first reflecting surfaces disposed apart from and generally facially opposing one another and a second reflecting surface interconnecting the pair of first reflecting surfaces to form a generally U-shaped configuration, the second reflecting surface as viewed in cross-section having an upper front side cylindrical surface section extending arcuately at a constant radius of curvature about a center point, a lower front side cylindrical surface section extending arcuately at the constant radius of curvature about the center point, a rear side cylindrical surface section extending arcuately at the constant radius of curvature about the center point, an upper recessed surface section interconnecting the upper front side cylindrical surface section and the rear side cylindrical surface section and projecting away from the center point and a lower recessed surface section interconnecting the lower front side cylindrical surface section and the rear side cylindrical surface section and projecting away from the center point.

2. (Original) An imaging apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein said flashlight device is disposed in the upper direction of said holding means and adjacently in the vicinity of said objective lens.

3. - 10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented-Withdrawn) An imaging apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a blindfolding board provided on the lower surface of said flashlight device for covering said storage position when the flashlight device is moved to said pop-up position.

12. (Withdrawn) An imaging apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said blindfolding board has a pair of shaft portions projecting in directions opposite to each other on the same axis line and said pair of shaft portions are supported by both ends at the lower part of said flashlight device, and said blindfolding board is capable of turning in the range of predetermined angles using its own weight.

13. (Withdrawn) An imaging apparatus according to claim 11, wherein a plunger mechanism is disposed in the lower direction of said blindfolding board for popping up said flashlight device.

14. (Canceled)

15. (New) An imaging apparatus according to claim 1, wherein each one of the upper recessed surface section and the lower recessed surface section includes, as viewed in cross-section, a first flat surface and a second flat surface connected to the first flat surface to form a generally V-shaped configuration.

16. (New) An imaging apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the upper front side cylindrical surface section is connected to and disposed between one of the pair of first reflecting surfaces and the first flat surface of the upper recessed surface section and the lower front side cylindrical surface is connected to and disposed between

a remaining one of the pair of first reflecting surfaces and the first flat surface of the lower recessed surface section.

17. (New) An imaging apparatus according to claim 16,
wherein the second flat surface of the upper recessed surface section is connected to and disposed between the first flat surface of the upper recessed surface section and a first end of the rear side cylindrical surface section and the second flat surface of the lower recessed surface section is connected to and disposed between the first flat surface of the lower recessed surface section and a second end of the rear side cylindrical surface section disposed opposite the first end of the rear side cylindrical surface section.

18. (New) An imaging apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein the second reflecting surface defines an inverted generally C-shaped hole and the center point is disposed in the inverted generally C-shaped hole.

19. (New) An imaging apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein the second reflecting surface defines a tube-receiving hole and the center point is disposed in the tube-receiving hole.

20. (New) An imaging apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein each one of the pair of first reflecting surfaces, as viewed in cross-section, has a curved configuration forming a concavity, respective ones of the concavities generally facing one another.